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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, and having a response due date initially set for February 16, 2006. A Petition for one-month extension of time is filed concurrently filed herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 16, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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